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FARMERS' INSTITUTE.
MR. JAS. ELDER ADDRESSES THE INSTITUTE
ON "HOW TO OVERCOME THE
PRESENT DEPRESSION IN AGRICULTURE."

(Continued)
With most of us here hay is scarce,
and we have to depend upon straw
and grain for winter feed, and how best
to utilize this feed is a very pertinent
question. In the matter of winter wheat
I know of no other plan than to get it
chopped, but it seems to me that we sow
by far too much wheat. Why not sow
more oats, and this feed we can use with
very little expense in preparation. For
feeding purposes I would never get oats
threshed for either horse or cattle feed.
I believe that if we thresh our oats we
should also crush them. Threshing costs
4 1/2 cents per bush, crushing 3 1/2 cts
which equals one-third the value. Now I
feed my oats on the sled and I am quite
satisfied that our stock do not waste one-
tenth. Of course to feed sheaves without
waste we must have properly constructed
mangers and feeding troughs. We have
practiced this system of feeding horses
and cows ever since we came to Manitoba,
but bringing up sheep last spring I brought
up a straw cutter to cut their feed for
them. However, being very much hurried
in the early part of the winter, we com-
menced feeding the sheep whole, and I
was well pleased with the results that
we never started the straw cutter at all.
Now we have never had a pound of hay
all winter, nothing but wheat straw and
oat sheaves, with an occasional feed of
horses, cattle and sheep, are in prime con-
dition. I say this not to encourage care-
less feeding, but to show that in order to
keep stock successfully one does not re-
quire to invest in expensive appliances
and machinery. I believe it is better to go
to work with the means at our disposal
than to wait till we can adopt a more
scientific theory. A word also about fall
feed. In the end of July last season, we
sowed one-half bush of wheat per acre on
our summer-fallow, partly to secure fall
feed and partly in order to have the cattle
while feeding tramp the soil. The results
were beyond my expectations, our own
stock were quite unable to eat down the
growth, and I had to get a herdman to
come with his herd of cattle and sheep to
keep it from shoaling. What the results
will be on next season's crop, remains to
be seen—but so far as fall feed is con-
cerned, the problem is solved. The next
point I would refer to is the lack of oppor-
tunity. I claim that the Manitoba farmer
does not enjoy the same opportunities as
to have. The C. P. R. tells the world that
they have a deep interest in the farmers of
this province. Yes—but just about the
same interest I have in my horse, an inter-
est in seeing how much they can make
out of us. I feed my horse with a view to
making the most out of the investment,
and then I load him just as heavy as I
think he can stand. Just so the C. P. R.
they boast about doing so much for im-
migration. Yes—in order to sell their
lands and get more freight in the winter.
What about the railway privilege given the
immigrant after he gets here. Why he
finds discrimination all sides. Whether
he sends or receives he is discriminated
against. If he wants to send a tub of
butter to the coast, he finds that natu-
rally belongs to him, he finds that his
Toronto competitor can send one just as
cheaply as he can. If the Elkhorn farmer
wants a ton of Galt coal, he has to pay
\$2.00 per ton more for it than the man at
Winnipeg. If that fact prove anything,
they prove that the C. P. R. is crushing
the Manitoba farmer in order to crush
competition. Is there a way being made
the side of the C. P. R. And how long is
this to continue? Just as long as we
stand like dumb oxen under our burden.
But some will say, "don't grumble,
it will check immigration." All right,
check it then. The C. P. R. has no right
to build up immigration upon the false
conceptions of the immigrant. It is no
act of patriotism in us to let the slave
under our burden in order to have more
companions in oppression. It is for us to
make our voices heard, demand our rights
and induce people to come here, not only
because it is naturally a good country, but
because it is one in which they will get
fair play in the face of life.

What we want to relieve the agricul-
tural depression is, less talk about our
being the back bone of the country, and
more even-handed treatment. Less ful-
some flattery, and more justice. Less pro-
tection and more protection. Another thing
we lack is free trade, pure and simple
with all the world. I know there are
some who still believe in protection, but I
can assure them that they are behind the
times. I have of late come in contact with
a good many of the most intelligent farm-
ers in this province, and I can assure you
that three-fourths of them want free
trade. And many of those whom I have
heard express themselves most strongly as
Conservatives. I know that some object
to touching upon politics in the Institute,
I bet that it is just where the farmers

make a great mistake in letting off their
words, and their political thinking, and
cool over our eyes. If we farmers could
save our old party allgiance and look to
our own interests, we could demand our
rights and so political party would have
to say, "my, but however we may be
divided on some questions, there is one
line in which we can all agree in demand-
ing free trade, viz: on binder twine. And
towards this the Central Institute is set-
ting its face. Before long your Secretary
will receive a circular setting forth the
different prices and lengths of American
and Canadian binder twine. We ask you
to look over it carefully and report your
wishes in regard to it. I can assure you
that there is nothing of partisanship in the
matter. The Central Institute is by no
means a political body, we are of all
different political complexions, and we
never allow our party prejudices to inter-
fere with our action in the interests of the
farmers. You were told last year that the
twine companies included all the companies
in the United States and Canada. That is
simply not true, and if the duty were re-
moved we could get our twine at least 25
per lb cheaper, which would mean a good
deal to the Manitoba farmer.
The last point I would refer to, and one
which we are apt to forget, is the lack
of trust in an over ruling Providence. I
once heard a Scotchman say that, "When
trains were first run in Scotland, the
managers advertised that the trains would
start at such an hour 'God willing' but
now they had become so confident in their
ability that they undertook to run them
whether God was willing or not. I think
this has been about the position with a
good many of us in Manitoba, and it will
be when we like Nebuchadnezzar of old
we come to ourselves and recognize that
there is a God who ruleth among men."
In conclusion I would say. Let us prac-
tise a little more economy, improve our
system of farming, trust in God and do
the right, and then, with a little play, and
free trade we will take second place to no
people under the sun.

COMMUNICATIONS.
The Editor of this paper is not respon-
sible for the opinions expressed by corre-
spondents.
WHAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO
KNOW!
DEAR SIR,
We have for several months been
exercising our patience, and preparing our
minds for the reception of a great treat
which for some unexplained reason has
not been our privilege to enjoy. We are
informed that for several weeks, rehearsals
have been held and considerable money
expended in costumes, etc., which conse-
quently makes the wonder grow as to the
non appearance of our local Jugglers.
In the long promised children's
concert, which was promised for Xmas.
Your humble scribe may possibly be re-
garded as meddlesome for his pains, but
all the same I think we voice the senti-
ments of the town when we enquire
whether the money and time expended in
preparation is only to end in a fiasco!
Without apologizing for my curiosity, I
beg to remain,
Yours Respectfully,
A NOTE OF INTERROGATION.

A GROWING AND GLARING EVIL.
To the Editor of the Advocate:
Sir, I am glad to see that the Regina
Standard has dared to make the first
attack upon an Upside tree that has for
so long been awaiting the woodman's axe.
A matter which, only through the mon-
opoly of the press, and our unfortunate
ignorance, would have been taken up
long ago. It is the evil of forcing news-
papers and journals upon the willing pub-
lic, and is a bane to this or any other coun-
try, and not by any means confined to the
North West. Bane of the complaints are
made on all hands by people who are in
this way compelled against their wish to
take in publications they do not want.
Business should be conducted on a more
rational basis, and if advertisement
samples, testimonials, and recommendations
of firms does not force a ready
sale, it is obviously wrong to force the
goods, either mental or commercial stock
in trade, upon the people. Let us try to
imagine if we could what a chaotic con-
dition of things would exist if this kind
of thing prevailed in the other branches of
trade. Business should be transacted on
business principles, but in the matter in
question there is neither business or
moral principle. The purchasers or sub-
scribers are best competent to decide as to
whether they will subscribe, interest or in-
come justify them in dealing, and it is not
for us to say you must, or ought or shall,
any more than that they must vote, work-
ship or work in any particular manner.
If editors, as merchants care to risk their
goods by free sample, all right, but if the
customers of these samples refuse to pay
for them, and send out of courtesy receive
them, the consequence is not morally just-
ified in complaining nor has he any right
to force payment, and the law that allows
this to be done is both partial and unjust,
and should be eradicated from the Statute
Book.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.
The following epitaph is reproduced
upon a tombstone in the cemetery in
Lisadillwedd:
"Here lies in a horizontal position the
outside case of George H. Hildesheim, a
maker, whose abilities in that line were
an honor to his profession. Integrity was
the mainspring and prudence the regula-
tor of all the actions of his life. Human,
honest, industrious, his hands never
dropped until they had relieved distressed
He had the art of disposing of his time in
such a way that he never went wrong ex-
cept when set agoing by persons who did
not know his key, and even then was
easily set right again. He departed this
life Nov. 7, 1891, surrounded in the hope of
being taken in hand by his Maker,
thoroughly cleaned, regulated and re-
paired and set agoing in the world to
come."—Jeweler's Circular.

God bless the man who sprinkles now!
His sidewalk was well watered!
The language fit for those who don't
Is best expressed by—
—Anglemer.

CLIPPINGS FROM THE "BREEZE"
TWO CREEKS, ALIES "TWA CREEKS."
(From our own Correspondent)
DEAR SIR,—Somehow your smart little
print has not as yet blown into this
"Garden of Manitoba" regularly, only
coming by an occasional breeze. In the
hope that some of the benighted dwellers
may open their doors to its refreshing and
inspiring influences, I herewith send you
a few local notes.
We'll be a reading people having a
regular reading club formed with quite a
lot of books, which are circulated among
the members. An effort was made to do
something in debates, but such an effort
of the English nation in a short season to
burn off the drags of that splendid class
they have contracted under an Indian
sun.
The only other thing I might mention is
the death of Mr. James Lacey's male
from spontaneous combustion. The effect
we presume of an over dose of old straw.
Yours Truly,
Icema.

THE ELKHORN BREEZE—the latest ac-
quisition to Manitoba journalism blew into
this office last night, and is a credit to that
we come to ourselves and recognize that
there is a God who ruleth among men.
In conclusion I would say. Let us prac-
tise a little more economy, improve our
system of farming, trust in God and do
the right, and then, with a little play, and
free trade we will take second place to no
people under the sun.

THE DIVINITY OF JUSTICE.
The one divine work—the one ordered
sacrifice—is to do justice, and it is the last
we are ever inclined to do. Any thing
rather than that. As much charity as you
choose, but no justice. "Nay," you will say
justice is greater than justice. Yes, it is
greater; it is the summit of justice—it is
the temple of which justice is the founda-
tion. But you can't have the top with-
out the bottom; you cannot build upon
charity.

You must build upon justice, for this
main reason, that you have not at first
charity to build with. It is the last re-
ward of good work. Do justice to your
brother (you can do that whether you love
him or not), and you will come to love him.
It is all very well to think you can build
upon charity to begin with, but you will
find all you have got to begin with begins
at home, and is essentially love of your-
self.—John Ruskin.

A PLEASANT MIDWINTER DREAM.
Now what would you think of a trip to the
country?
On a ship just as warm as a toast!
With the moderate nights full of fire-side
delights.
And the sun all day long on the coast!
Aye! what would you think of a trip to
the hottest
Country ever dreamed of—some brim-
stone land.
Where a man feels the fire that makes
him perspire,
And leave him a grease spot, outlined
in the sand!
It surely were pleasant to pass from these
frigid
And cold haunted nights to the warm-
th of climate.
But alas! we must shiver and pile on the
kiver
And keep up the fire with dollars and
dimes.
—Atlanta Constitution.

CHEERFUL CHAT.
This year. For 82;
You see. So when
It '33. You write
It will. It might
Not do. It might.
—Lowell/Courier.

Professor Sir Robert Ball, lecturing in
London last week on the planer Mars,
showed a diagram depicting the canals in
Mars. The lines of the canals, he pointed
out, were accompanied by a parallel line, which
had been accounted for by a man—but he
knew that man, he came from Manchester.
However that man had explained the
parallel lines by saying that whenever
a ship canal was constructed there it was
placed alongside a railway, so that there
were two lines of route.
Introducing a comic song into a por-
tion of his programme before a Toronto audi-
ence last week, Mr. Grossmuth prefaced it
by remarking that the modern Irish comic
songs would always take with a reduced
audience when everything else failed, pro-
vided it was constructed upon the right
principle, with plenty of whisky, broken
heads and other refined elements in it.
The chorus of this typical song was then
rendered as follows:
"His nose was on the mantelpiece,
His mouth was on the floor,
His set of teeth were hanging up,
Behind the kitchen door.
When in came Pat McGarty,
With his favorite whisky keg
And he soon closed up the party
With Gabby's wooden leg."
True to his prediction the audience rap-
tulously applauded and insisted upon an
encore, which was granted with a shrug
of the shoulder and a quiet "I told you so,"
from Mr. Grossmuth.
A Roman Catholic priest was sitting at
table beside a Rabbi when an appetizing
joint of roast pork was put on the table.
The priest, turning to his neighbor, asked
"My worthy friend, when will the time
come that I may have the pleasure to ac-
quit you to a slice of this delicious meat!"
The Rabbi replied with courtesy, "When
I have the gratification of assisting at the
wedding of your daughter."

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They are the abstract and brief chronicle of the week. "Horse" and "Horse" are the two main topics of the week.

Mr. J. Frame, M. P. P., spent Saturday in town.

Two gentlemen intended starting a weekly paper at Hartney shortly.

By order in council, No. 1222, Mr. W. M. Cuthbert was appointed License Commissioner for 1900 in District No. 1.

One of the Indian children at the Home named Edward Bear, died on Saturday about 1 o'clock after a few days illness.

There will be no morning service in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday next, service in the evening as usual.

The union Sunday School reported on Sunday last, after being closed for a week or two, which was in the town.

A tea was held in connection with the Presbyterian Ladies Aid at the residence of Mrs. Rogers on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Struthers, who have been visiting Mrs. Coombs for some weeks, returned to their home at Brandon on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carwin, Mr. Mayhall and Mr. A. E. Wilson attended the Bachelor's Ball at Virden on Friday last, and report having had a very pleasant time.

The B. T. T. is having an open meeting in the Town Hall next Tuesday evening. A good programme of vocal and instrumental music is being prepared by the members, and an enjoyable time is anticipated.

A fire broke out in Preston & Morris' dry goods establishment, Winnipeg, on Monday last, the damage was considerable. Another fire occurred the same night in the Harris block, when Ridgely's liquor store and Wells' clothing establishment were completely gutted.

We have a straight tip to give away to anyone who is on the lookout for a good investment. Buy up all the thermometers you can lay your hands upon. They are very low just at present and are sure to rise before Spring.

The holiday number of the Carberry Express has come to hand; a well finished 14 page magazine. It contains amongst other interesting matter a "write up" of the town of Carberry, with the photographs of the leading men of the place and a few others. Altogether it is a very creditable number.

Mr. Sam Bosch, of Kola, left for Brandon on Friday week. It is reported that he intends spending a week only in the city, and that his time will be fully occupied, as he hopes to make the acquaintance of the future Mrs. Bosch there, court her, gain her consent, marry her and bring her home—all in six days.

Mr. Frank Ridgely had a narrow escape from having his house burnt down about a week ago. It was late at night, and all were in bed, when it was discovered that the roof where the stove pipe entered, was on fire. The three occupants of the house got to work, and by using a plentiful supply of snow and water, the fire was brought under control before any serious damage was done.

The sum collected some months ago, by Mrs. Coombs for the General Hospital at Brandon amounted to \$922.50. Of this, the greater part has been paid, but there are a few who put their names down on the list for small sums and have neglected to hand in the money. We feel sure that these only need reminding of the fact, and they will at once be only too pleased to redeem their promises in aid of an institution which has been of so great benefit to the people of this district.

Mr. J. F. Frame, M. P. P., Hon. Pres. of the Elkhorn Curling Club, has made a generous offer of a medal, to be contested for shortly by the members. It is intended that, as in the case of the President's trophies, the winner will in turn play every other rink, and the members of that rink which gains most matches, will play off a moment themselves, the winner of the greatest number of games taking the prize. This will be the third scheduled contest played amongst the curlers this season and should the other Hon. Pres., Hon. T. M. Day, present the club with another trophy (as we understand he will), the members will have their time pretty fully occupied till the end of the season.

We have experienced some terribly cold and rough weather this week, and the train service has been demoralized. On Monday No. 2 left Elkhorn at 4.30 p.m. and after passing Virden stuck fast in the snow. A second engine was sent on from Alexander and a third from Brandon, and after some hours delay on the prairie, the train was got out. The same morning the Elkhorn train from Brandon was cancelled, the express from the west was cancelled, that from the east was twelve hours late, and the local from Brandon to Winnipeg, collided with the regular. Nearly all telegraph communication was cut off.

On Tuesday last a meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church was held. Dr. Robertson suggested the formation of Elkhorn and Woodville into a pastorate, and promised if the church would call a pastor to grant them aid for three years, two hundred and fifty dollars first year, one hundred and fifty, second year, and one hundred, the last one. The matter was then discussed as to the advisability of calling a minister, and who should be. Eventually it was unanimously decided to invite Mr. J. H. Sinclair, who labored in this church in 1881. A petition is being taken around and liberally signed, requesting his return, which it is generally expected he will cordially accept, as he has just completed his university course.

When we were in Brandon lately, we learnt that Mr. Owen of Beulah had purchased from T. H. McGregor & Co. the Impetated Cleveland Bay stallion, Rillington, (C. B. S. B.). Mr. Owen has paid a large figure for this horse and desires to receive a good crop of potatoes from the farmers of this district. This coming season, as a horse of this stamp is the right sort for the country, being heavy

enough to log a heavy load to market and so home at a good pace. Rillington is a very well-finished horse with a beautiful bay coat and perfect legs. His feet and legs are of the best and he moves with fair even action all round, and great sturdiness. He was shown in 1897 at the Great Yorkshire held in Middleborough and in a class of "thirty-two" (one of the largest ever seen in England of this breed), second ever seen in England of this breed, second ever seen in England of this breed. He stands 16.1 hands high, and weighs about 11,000 lbs. His breeding is of the very highest. His pedigree traces through the most fashionable strains. For symmetry and style he is one of the best horses to be seen. It will be interesting to our readers to know that Rillington is to be shown at the World's Fair grounds, Chicago, next August. This fact alone, however, Mr. Owen has purchased the best horse that money could buy.

A Representative of the Advocate visited Virden a couple of days this week, and was shown through the new hotel, Hamilton, recently erected by Messrs. Hennessey and Canfield, and which has been leased by Mr. Steve White, late of the Virden Hotel, which was destroyed in the last fire. It is a grand structure, three stories high with basement, is situated on the corner of Seventh Avenue and Wellington street. It is very nicely finished in the interior, while the exterior will be braced up as soon as the weather permits, is well heated throughout with furnaces and stoves and is very comfortable in the coldest of weather. The building is admirably planned, on the ground floor is a cozy and bright sitting room, very commodious and excellently arranged, dining hall, elegant sample rooms, and a well lighted and very attractive bar room, besides kitchen, lavatory, etc. On the second floor there are twelve comfortable bedrooms, well-furnished with the best of furniture, and a beautiful parlor, charming in the extreme. The third floor has also twelve bedrooms, and a fine sitting room. Mr. White has furnished the house and carpeted it in a very elaborate and tasty manner, the material used being the best that could be procured in the place. It is one of the finest hotels west of Winnipeg, and under the able management of Mr. and Mrs. White, travellers and others may rely upon receiving every care and attention. Arrangements are being made for a grand supper to be held in this hotel by the S. I. Andrew's Society.

The following matches have been played in the single handed curling competition. Fraser beat Slinden. Stevenson beat G. Broadley. J. Broadley beat Wilson. Carwin beat Angus. Douglas beat Dixon. Hoy beat Fraser. Webster beat Parker. Carwin beat Fraser. Penman beat Miller. Johnson beat Mayhall. Gilroy beat Canning. Johnson beat Rogers. Gilroy beat Cavanagh. Cashing beat Donaldson. Hoy beat Stevenson. Mowat beat Stewart. Travis beat Alkell. Travis beat Mowat. Douglas beat Penman. Mayhall (bye). Carwin beat Fraser. Webster beat Broadley. Carwin beat Gilroy.

DIG FIRE AT BRANDON.

THE BEAUBIER HOTEL BURNED TO THE GROUND IN DAYLIGHT.

Brandon, Jan. 31st.—At half past four this afternoon a fire broke out in the sitting room on the second floor of the Beaubier Hotel, here, and although strenuous efforts were made by some of the inmates of the house to put it out, it was soon seen, almost before the fire engine arrived, that the building was doomed. A strong wind was blowing from the north, and had it not been for the excellent work performed by the fire brigade, who worked with a will against terrible odds, the stables and out buildings on the south side must have been destroyed. The moment the time was 4.50 below zero, and this made it very difficult to handle the hose. The furniture, etc., was nearly all saved, but the House, which was one of the oldest in Brandon having been built in 1882, was entirely destroyed in the fiery element. It is believed that Mr. Beaubier, the proprietor, and son of the man who gave his name to the House, held a good insurance on the place.

DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATIONS IN THE HOLY LAND.

AN ABLE LECTURE DELIVERED LAST NIGHT BY THE REV. DR. ROBERTSON.

On Wednesday evening last, thanks to the enterprise of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid, a very able and interesting lecture was delivered in the Presbyterian church on "The discovery and explorations in the Holy Land" by Dr. Robertson, Sup't. of Missions. In a masterly manner the lecturer dealt out facts and figures so startling and extraordinary as to almost make one question the veracity of his statements. After informing his hearers of the objects and means of support of the exploring party, he showed the benefits, scientific, religious and literary, that have already accrued from their investigations. He showed how the mystery of the Bible, the discovery of the Dead Sea, the discovery of the fact that the account of the creation, and the fall was recorded some two thousand years before the time of Moses. It was also found that Cyrus was not the King of Persia, as recorded, but King of Elam, Persia being only the conqueror of the children of Israel. He remarked the civilization of the people 3,500 years ago equal that of the present regime. The science,

arts, literature, mechanical and architectural skill of those days, equalled if not surpassed that of the present days. The pyramids were immense and remarkable specimens of mechanical and engineering skill. The largest was one-eighth of a mile long, and yet the joints of the stone work in the whole length combined, did not measure more than the thickness of a man's thumb, and the layer of cement between the first row of stones, and the foundations was no thicker than a sheet of paper, and so accurate were the measurements that the foundations of one of the obelisks, weighing 400 tons, is found to correct as not to be a hairbreadth out of the horizontal. The tools and earthenware revealed a superior taste and ability modern times. The quarry faces the Obelisks had been prepared had been unearthed, and an obelisk in course of construction, with tools in an excellent state of preservation had also been found. Brick without straw as well as those with, had been found, the astonishing the scriptural fulfilment of the prophecy of the children of Israel. Much more of an equally interesting character was given, for which we have unfortunately neither time nor space to give. Upon a motion of W. M. Cuthbert and T. M. Day, a vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Robertson.

FLEMING.

THE GATEWAY TOWN OF THE N. W. T.

A man of our acquaintance recently attended the Church of England service and seemed deeply impressed with the prayer. The next morning he said, "From sudden births and deaths, Good Lord deliver us."

Last Sunday evening after service, a horse was left standing on our street for about two and a half hours, or perhaps longer, while its owners made a call. At one time it broke loose, when it was so near the corner that it was continually falling off. It was one of the bitterly cold nights of the season; any person capable of such cruelty, should be placed in the same position, with the thermometer at 80 degrees below zero; while they were made to read to his beast, "A merciful man is merciful to his beast," and read it for the same length of time the poor horse stood in the cold, that bitter night.

Mr. Van Potter returned home a week ago from his business in the east, and failed to bring home the partner of his joys and sorrows, as was expected. The inference is that one of Fleming's fair daughters is to be the future Mrs. Van.

In reply to "A Bird's News" in last issue, another of Fleming's "poets"—with which that in embryo city seems to abound, took up the gauntlet, and wrote a reply which was posted in Fleming post office. To which the writer of "A Bird's News" sends an answer as follows:

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Did friends refuse to lend!
Just pass around your hat or cap,
And get wherewith to send.
The Inter Ocean, Tribune, World,
(Chicago and New York)
Would gladly take your caustic lines
And pay you for your work.
Such rhyme as that too lofty is
For such a lowly fate,
And set to note, why man alive!
Do not be known too late.

A poet's "laurel wreath" should twine
Around thy noble brow
The Laureate poet's vacant place
Will not be waiting now.
The bird which you held converse,
A lying foul, (low) was he,
I fear he has disgraced his nest,
If such a thing could be.

Just put a little pinch of salt
Upon his little tale, (tail)
And take him kindly by the neck,
Nor listen to his wail.
Then ring his nasty little neck
For telling such a lie,
And then to say such vulgar things
No other bird will try.

The decent little bird I saw,
Would never talk so vile,
I do not see where you can find
A bird so full of guile.
I think it must have been a crow,
You "interviewed" so sound,
For they are nearly always seen
Where nasty things are found.

And did he teach you that bad word,
To call a person, "fool"?
Take my advice, to such a bird
No longer go to school.
"Be sure you're right, then go ahead,"
A saying, true and true,
Another proverb has been said,
"Do it first, put on the shoe."

BEULAH BITS.

Another cold snap just to remind us that it is not quite spring yet.

One of the most successful concerts we have ever been favored with took place on Thursday night last at Minota school house, and although it was a bitterly cold night the room was crowded. The instrument used by Messrs. Gurney and Vincent. Mr. Green gave us "I seek for thee" and on being encored, "Take back the heart," in his usually excellent style, but the piece de resistance was a robust farce entitled "Marrying in a hurry" which was enacted in a convincing manner by Mr. A. D. Clyde. The Misses Lynch, Miss Reynolds. Mr. Taylor of Beulah gave us two good old Scotch songs which were encored. Mr. Thompson read a very amusing piece on the use of setting a hen. The singing of the school children was very good. Miss Reynolds fairly brought down the house with her recitation, "Little Jim." The thanks of the district are due to Messrs. Lynch, Clyde, Irwin and Gallely, the promoters of a most pleasant evening.

A meeting was held at Beulah town hall on Friday at two o'clock, in the interests of the Minota Northern Railway Company. Mr. Crawford, Mayor of Beulah, Mr. Patterson, a director of same company

and Mr. Young, Reeve of Beulah addressed the meeting. Mr. Doyle of Beulah was elected to the chair. Mr. Crawford then addressed the meeting calling for the support and sympathy of the Municipality of Minota in helping to promote a north and south line of railroad from Beulah north through Beulah south through the Municipality of Minota crossing the main line in the neighborhood of Virden or Elk Horn, either on to Melita or connecting with the Northern Pacific at Bottineau, Dakota. A scheme which he pointed out had much in its favor and few drawbacks, a scheme which he said would throw open the vast timber resources, salt springs, amber and other wealth of the north, and would connect with the immense coal fields to the south. Mr. Young made a very good speech in favor of the company, and after the close a motion was passed that the meeting was in sympathy with the undertaking, provided the proposed line should be run some where within two miles either side of the centre line north and south of Minota. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

Mrs. Jarley was works at Arrow River last night. As the telegraph line has been broken down by the enormous weight of snow, no reports to hand at present.

The driving shed at the church at Beulah is starting to heave, a sure sign of early spring.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

For week ending February 1st. 1893.

DAY.	MAX.	MIN.	SNOW.
Thursday.	-17.	86.	
Friday.	-7.	-29.	
Saturday.	-8.	-31.	3in.
Sunday.	-20.	-46.	
Monday.	-24.	-14.	8in.
Tuesday.	-26.	-40.	
Wednesday.	-35.	-19.	3in.
Highest reading, 27th. Jan., -7.			
Lowest reading, 1st. Feb., -49.			

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